and it would not be in public interest to disclose the recommendations at the stage.

(b) The Committee consisted of officials of the Government only. However, the representations received from time to time from various newspaper Association, etc. have been taken into account.

(c) The details of the rationalisation of the policy will only be known after a final decision is taken in the matter. DAVP will continue to be the implementing authority?

Amendment to Minimum Wages Act and ESI Act

1812. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Minimum Wages Act and ESI Act to enhance the benefits to workers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI *BINDESHWARI DUBEY*): (a) Certain proposals for amendment of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 and Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 are under consideration.

(b) The details are yet to be finalised.

HPT and LPT in Madhya Pradesh

1813. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of high-power and low-power TV transmission centres working in Madhya Pradesh at present; and

(b) the places where additional Doordarshan centres likely to be set up in Madhya Pradesh in near future?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Three high power and 24 low power TV transmitters are, at present, functioning in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) The schemes for the establishment of a full fledged TV Studio Centre at Bhopal; a Programme Generation Facility Centre at Raipur; a high power (10 KW) TV transmitter each at Gwalior and Jabalpur (in replacement of existing low power transmitters); a high power (10 KW) transmitter at Raipur (in replacement of the existing 1 KW transmitter); a high power (1 KW) transmitter at Jagdalpur (in replacement of the existing low power transmitter); and 11 new low power (100W) TV transmitter, one each at Balaghat, Betul, Chhindwara, Jahabua; Khargaon, Madla, Raigarh; Rajgarh-Satna, Seoni and Tikamgarh are under implementation in Madhya Pradesh as part of the Seventh Plan.

Recommendations of Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Agriculture

1814. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab, Haryana and Delhi Chamber of Commerce and Industry has suggested to the Union Government for a separate plan for agriculture with a view to provide adequate safeguards against failure of monsoon through suitable capital formation in the dry land areas, and also work out an optimum planning and remove the regional imbalances;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the above recommendations and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the final decision in this record is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Ministry of Agriculture has not received any suggestions from the Punjab, Haryana and Delhi Chamber of Commerce and Industry for a separate plan for agriculture.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.